Collaboration
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA SPECIALISTS AND COLLEGE LIBRARIANS WORKING TOGETHER

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Agenda:

- SCF Libraries/Manatee collaboration: high school to college (grades 9-16) including DE and non-DE students & faculty.

- Planning a collaboration program: 5+ tips.

- Sharing Time: your own experiences and ideas.
Background

- State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (SCF) and SCFCS
- SCF Libraries
- SCF Libraries staff
- Manatee County: 6 high schools with media specialists.
- Sarasota County: 8 high schools without school librarians.
Your turn...

Type of library/role?
Our program

OUTREACH & NETWORKING...
We started with...

- Local high school personal connections
- FAME (Florida Media in Education) and Florida Teens Read (FTR) networking
- "Desserts at the college library" (in-service outreach event.)
- Discussion of common and reciprocal needs... and a little venting too!
It evolved into...

Services for Dual Enrolled (DE) students

- Virtual
- On campus
- Off campus

Services for all high school students

- Virtual
- Reciprocal borrowers status
- Through Media Specialists
DE (Dual Enrolled)

- LibGuides™ portal with tabs to course-specific guides
- Orientations (collaborating with Early College department)
- Instruction @ high schools
- Instruction @ SCF Library
- Communication with DE instructors (surveys, email, f2f)
- Specialized content creation (instructor-specific guides)

SCF Librarian at Lakewood Ranch High School
Your assignment

Literary Issues Essay (3-4 pages plus a works cited page):

The purpose of this essay is to explain and analyze how one of the texts we’ve read can help us understand an issue or problem important to contemporary society. Issues or problems might include (but are not limited to) war, poverty, racism, disease, immigration, or gender inequality. Your paper must include a detailed analysis of the issue and the text you’ve chosen (SCF 2021).

How we can help...

For this paper, you are required to use at least one article found by visiting the databases in the SCF Virtual Library, and you will need to cite these correctly in MLA style, both within the text of your paper and on the separate Works Cited page.
Non-DE high school students

- Info Lit: Workshops with Media Specialists (databases showcase, best practices discussions)
- "The virtual library" (walk-in access.) Indirectly/temporary access (adjuncts.)
- Reciprocal Borrower – TBLC = 3 books
- Reference: Ask a Librarian, in-person.
- Specialized projects: IB "extended essay" during the summer.
- YA collection in a college library!
Open discussion with media specialists: challenges & opportunities to grow

- Media specialists: testing, other duties, difficulty collaborating with teachers, etc.
- SCF Libraries: "college readiness"

Assessment:
High School: AASL Standards for 21st Century Learner
College: ACRL Info Lit Standards / New Framework
TBLC Video:
https://youtu.be/x1OR4QzWcnk
Questions/comments about our program?
How to collaborate with other types of libraries: 5 tips (not sequential)

SUMMARIZING OUR EXPERIENCE
#1 Define

- Devise a goal and clarify: manageable but with space to grow. (Note: goal will be revised!)

- Define your target group(s): break it down in stages if necessary (one county, one school, one librarian?)

- Identify resources (existing and needed): Staff, time, support (travel expenses.)

- Bring everyone on board: have your colleagues’ support.
#2 Build

- Meet people: Go to conferences outside your library-type (FLA, FACRL, FAME) and regional groups (TBLC, SIS, USF/FSU alumni, school districts)
- Find your local groups (educators, school district teams, professional)
- Learn the others' turf: their calendars, standards (Info Lit), testing dates/patterns, reading programs, etc.
- Use that business card, be available, send an email, offer a helping hand.
#3 Dream together

- Rant and Rave together:
  - Your challenges + their challenges
  - Your strengths + their strengths
- Find commonalities and where you can complement each other
- Revise your GOAL (see #1)
#4 Crawl, walk, or run with it!

- Get started: Informal visit, chat, email exchanges
- If you (or they) drop the ball: no worries, keep trying.
- If it's not working: revise
- Stay in touch, catch up, try again.
- If it looks promising, run with it! (see #5)
#5 Talk about it!

- Brag a little (or a lot)
- Mention it to colleagues
- Press Releases, newsletters (in both institutions)
- Photos, videos, documents
- Professional and personal circles
- Social media
BONUS! Extra tips and advice (learn from our experience!)

- Revise, re-evaluate, keep trying
- Look for unmet needs
- Align your program with your professional, departmental, or institutional goals (easier "buy-in"/resources)
- Talk to Charlie! (I mean, promote it...)
WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH COLLABORATION?
WHAT WORKED? WHAT DIDN'T?
GIVE ME FEEDBACK: HOW CAN SCF IMPROVE?
Thank you!

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Links:

- **TBLC Video:**
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- **SCF Libraries:**
  http://scf.edu/library

- **SCF Libraries DE Portal**
  http://libguides.scf.edu/dual_enrollment
  (Includes PPT with these slides)